ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A user terminal ~~(15)~~ accesses data from an internet application ~~(14)~~over a distributed information network such as the Internet ~~(17),~~by making a plurality of access requests for a plurality of duplicate series of packet data ~~(1,2,3,..;1',2',3',..;1",2",3",)~~from the same internet application ~~(14),~~each series ~~comprising~~including one instance of each packet of an ordered set of packets ~~(1,2,3,4,5,6)~~. The first instance to be received of each packet in the series ~~(1,2,3,4",5",6')~~is accepted, and the accepted packets are assembled into a complete series ~~(16)~~. This ensures that delays on any one link ~~(21,22,23)~~do not delay the receipt of the message.